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TAC Minutes, 8/8/2012

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 8/8/12, 7:15 pm to 9:40 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Paul Kent, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Scott Smith, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener

Missing Members and Associates: Wayne Chouinard, Jean Clark, John Lentz, Ed Starr

Members of the Public Present: Al Hood, Udine Street

- Public Comments. Al Hood of Udine Street said he was concerned about private ways in poor condition, particularly Wollaston Ave. between West Street and Ely Road. He also is concerned about rolling stops at Frontage Road and Dow Avenue. Corey said that he observed traffic at that intersection earlier in the day and that most cars were stopping at the intersection.
- Administration.
 - Minutes of 7/11/12 were approved unanimously.
 - Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
- Town reports.
 - Laura (Planning) reported that Brighams is on target for occupancy between November and January. New name is Alta Brigham Square. Plans for the signal to be placed at the Minuteman Bikeway were received by DPW but not yet reviewed. She told the Committee about openings on the Master Plan Advisory Committee. Also she gave Jeff an aerial plan of the area around Ottoson School to use for evaluating sidewalks.
 - Corey (Police) reported there have been many complaints from Forest Street residents about parking. He is also working on finding substitute parking for the Hurd Field lot, which is being renovated.
- Route 2 Frontage Roads and Dow Ave. MassDOT District 4 responded to Wayne's letter that they would take care of the handicap ramps and add signs. Letter from Al Hood regarding safety improvements was discussed, referred to Officer Rateau of the Arlington PD and forwarded to District 4.
- Parking Study. Working Group met. Howard is getting prices for parking counts and turnover. Corey said the Parking Control Officers might be able to help with counts.
- CLAMP. Mike and Laura met with District 4 and came up with a plan that accommodates parking, bike lanes, and traffic lanes. HSH is working on 25% plan, that will include a Design Exception Request for slightly narrower lanes than is standard. Shooting for September.
- Bikeway Count. Scott reported that ABAC and Joey Glushko had organized bike counts for the Minuteman Bikeway. Peak hour had 300 bikes using the path.

- Jason Street cut through traffic. Working Group met by conference call. Will hold a public meeting in September to hear all the issues. Will look at traffic patterns and data between Pleasant and Highland.
- Mass/Jason/Mill intersection. Have looked at alternatives. Will look at analysis done for Brighams then can move quickly. Crash data provided by Corey show most of problems related to left turns. Wayne will check on signal timing.
- Schools.
 - Hardy—Scott reported that remote drop off area may not be needed because most people are walking.
 - Ottoson—Laura delivered aerial map created by Adam Kurowski to use for sidewalk inventory.
- Mill Street flashing beacon at bike path crossing. Plans have gone to DPW. Working group will meet after Wayne is back and has looked at plans.
- Lowell St. Corey did speed checks and counts near the Reservoir. Elisabeth will look at data in relation to physical changes put in for summer.
- Town Day. Discussion of assignments. Laura will see if plans can be available showing CLAMP project. Wayne will get plans for Downing Square and Oakland/Gray.
- Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for August: Agenda, 8/8/12; Minutes of 7/11/12; Working Group List, 8/8/12; BoS/ARB Request Status, 8/8/12; Individual Action List from 7/11/12; Status of TAC Approved Actions, 8/8/12; Memo to Board of Selectmen From TAC Re. Crashes on Old Mystic Street at Hutchinson Road dated July 16, 2012; Email from Jeffrey Maxtutis to Anne Lavinia Berg, Re. 30-50 Mill Street Housing Construction, dated August 3, 2012;
- 2011-2012 bike counts
- Dow Avenue and Concord Turnpike Frontage Road Safety Improvement Requests
- Arlington Police Dept. report for 207 Lowell Street, 7/30/2012
- Arlington Police Dept. report for 265 Lowell Street, 7/30/2012
- Town Day 2011, Possible Stuff to have for Town Day 9/25